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SUBJECT: SUHARTO-MARCOS SUMMIT MEETING; PRELIMINARY REPORT

REF: A. MANILA 6401; B. JAKARTA 6687

SUMMARY: PRESIDENTS SUHARTO AND MARCOS ENDED TWO-DAY "INFORMAL" SUMMIT MEETING IN MANADO, NORTH SULAWESI, MAY 30, AND HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR CAPITALS. ACCORDING JAKARTA PRESS REPORTS MAY 31, BASED ON APPARENTLY UNENLIGHTENING PRESS BRIEFINGS IN MANADO, THE TWO LEADERS AGREED THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ASEAN NATIONS SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY MUTUAL DISCUSSION AND CONSENSUS WITHIN REGION, WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED UNCLASSIFIED

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SABAH-SULU DISPUTE BUT ACCORDING GOP SPOKESMAN DID NOT

MENTION POSSIBILITY OF INDONESIAN MEDIATION-- AND MARCOS INFORMED SUHARTO OF GOP MEASURES ON BEHALF OF PHILIPPINES MOSLEMS. BOTH LEADERS URGED INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION, REQUESTED HELP IN SUPPLYING SCARCE RAW MATERIALS, AND AGREED INDONESIA-PHILIPPINES BORDER CROSSING AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REVIEWED. NO REFERENCE IN JAKARTA PRESS STORIES ON DISCUSSION LOS ISSUES REPORTED MANILA'S REF A. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING STATEMENTS ISSUED BY GOI SPOKESMAN SUDHARMONO AND GOP SPOKESMAN TATAD AT CLOSE OF MAY 29-30 SUMMIT DURING WHICH THE TWO PRESIDENTS MET TWICE WITHOUT ADVISERS, BOTH LEADERS AGREED THAT REGIONAL ISSUES WITHIN ASEAN AREA SHOULD BE RESOLVED AMONG THE PARTIES BY DISCUSSION AND CONSENSUS, BASED ON GOOD FAITH AND WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE.

2. IN STATEMENTS ON SABAH-SULU DISPUTE, BOTH SIDES NOTED THAT SOLUTION WOULD STRENGTHEN REGIONAL WELFARE AND STABILITY. SUDHARMONO SAID INDONESIA IS CONCERNED ABOUT "AWKWARD" SITUATION BETWEEN PHILIPPINES AND MALAYSIA AND THEREFORE "CANNOT REMAIN SILENT" AND WILL ACTIVELY SEEK TO HELP FIND SOLUTION.

3. TATAD DESCRIBED TALKS BY TWO PRESIDENTS AS "FIRST STEP TOWARD ACHIEVING PEACE IN REGION," BUT SAID THEY DID NOT DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF INDONESIAN MEDIATION OF SABAH-SULU CONFLICT. TATAD ADDED THAT MARCOS INFORMED SUHARTO THAT GOP HAS TAKEN FOLLOWING MEASURES TO GUARANTEE FAIR TREATMENT TOWARD MOSLEMS: ASSURANCE OF PROTECTION OF MOSLEMS IN PERFORMANCE OF THEIR RELIGIOUS DUTIES; GUARANTY OF RIGHT OF MOSLEMS TO LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ISLAMIC TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS; RETURN OF LAND INHERITED FROM ANCESTORS OF MOSLEMS; AND PROVIDING WIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO MOSLEM COMMUNITY TO TAKE PART IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE POPULATION. TATAD SAID SUHARTO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THESE MEASURES WOULD RESOLVE MOSLEM PROBLEM.

4. BOTH SPOKESMEN TOLD PRESS THAT MARCOS AND SUHARTO DISCUSSED NEED FOR CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO
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COUNTRIES IN ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS. TATAD SAID MARCOS PROPOSED THAT INDONESIA SELL OIL TO PHILIPPINES AND OTHER NEEDY ASEAN NATIONS TO EXTENT ITS EXISTING COMMITMENTS ALLOW AND THAT SUHARTO'S RESPONSE WAS "SYMPATHETIC." TATAD SAID INDONESIA'S NEED TO IMPORT CEMENT FROM PHILIPPINES WAS ALSO DISCUSSED, AS WELL AS POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINT ASEAN PROJECTS FOR FERTILIZER, PETROCHEMICALS AND STEEL PRODUCTION.

5. ONLY OTHER SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION REPORTED IN JAKARTA PRESS WAS AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARCOS AND SUHARTO THAT INDONESIA-PHILIPPINES BORDER CROSSING AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REVIEWED AND ADJUSTED "IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

6. (AS NOTED REF B, PRESS REPORTS HERE CONTAIN NO REFERENCE TO DISCUSSION OF LOS OR ARCHIPELAGO MATTERS BY TWO LEADERS REPORTED IN MANILA'S REF A.)
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